

GEORGE B. SMYTHE, '33,

was born on a farm in Saratoga Co., N. Y., March 7, 1807. In College he was a Philomathean and was graduated with honor of the Philomathean Oration at Commencement and of Phi Beta Kappa. He was one of the founders and first contributors of the Parthenon.

At the age of fifteen thrown on his own resources he took a clerkship with a relative in Washington County, N. Y., and also attended school. From his seventeenth year and through his college course from time to time he taught in order to support himself and his younger brother. In the year before entering Union, when on way to his father, finding the Ohio river at Pittsburg too low for passenger-goats he bought a skiff and undertook to row his way to Cincinnati. Stopping however at New Richmond, he started there a day-school and a night-school and in the Spring bought an unbroken colt and finished his journey to the centre of Ohio.

As President Eliphalet Nott had impressed him in boyhood as the greatest of great men, he traveled back by the canals to Union to enjoy his instruction and inspiration. After graduation he studied law for two years in Washington, D. C., was Principal for a year in the Academy there and corresponded regularly with several journals in the West. He began law practice in Newark, O., in 1836, continuing there for sixty years a highly successful career--in his eighty-seventh year winning a judgment of \$300,000. He was very active in politics--a Whig and from '52 a Democrat, voting for Douglas in the Charleston Convention of '60. He upheld the War movement, was elected by a large majority to the Ohio legislature and was renominated. Some of his political speeches and communications to the press were exceptionally strong in guiding public action. He was a member of the Constitutional Convention of '51 and of that of the early seventies. He was a leader in the Philadelphia gathering of '66 to approve the administration of President Johnson. He died of old age at Newark, O., May 30, 1898; leaving two married daughters and two sons, one of the latter, U. C. '64.

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Full name is George Bosworth Smythe. (1833 Senior Class cat.)

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